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MAZ-543 TRUCK WITH UNIDENTIFIED STRUCTURE  
DONGUZ, USSR (SWN)

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** A MAZ-543 HEAVY DUTY 8 X 8 TRUCK CHASSIS WITH AN UNIDENTIFIED CANVAS COVERED STRUCTURE ON THE REAR WAS OBSERVED IN THE WEAPONS TEST FIRING AREA (AREA C) OF DONGUZ WEAPONS AND ELECTRONICS PROVING GROUND NORTHEAST [REDACTED] THE CONFIGURATION OF THE NEW VEHICLE DOES NOT RESEMBLE ANY KNOWN MAZ-543 - MOUNTED SYSTEM BUT IS IN AN AREA WHICH HISTORICALLY HAS SUPPORTED VEHICLES ASSOCIATED WITH TEST FIRING OF MAIN GUNS FOR ARMORED FIGHTING VEHICLES, ARTILLERY, ROCKET AND SURFACE TO AIR MISSILE SYSTEMS. THIS IS THE FIRST OBSERVATION OF THIS VEHICLE. (SWN)

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2. **REMARKS:** PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT THE VEHICLE IS [REDACTED] AND THE UNIDENTIFIED CANVAS-COVERED STRUCTURE ON THE REAR [REDACTED] TWO PARALLEL RAIL-LIKE RIDGES, [REDACTED] RUN THE LENGTH OF THE UNIDENTIFIED STRUCTURE. EACH RIDGE IS 1.0 METER FROM THE OUTER EDGE OF THE VEHICLE. THE VEHICLE'S SHADOW INDICATES THE UNIDENTIFIED STRUCTURE SLOPES DOWNWARD FROM THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE FOR [REDACTED] AND IS LEVEL [REDACTED] ALSO, A LATERAL SUPPORT IS BETWEEN THE RIDGES AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SLOPED AND LEVEL SECTIONS. A SLIGHT LINEAR PROTRUSION BETWEEN THE RIDGES EXTENDS FROM THE CENTER OF THE UNIDENTIFIED STRUCTURE TO ITS FRONT EDGE. [REDACTED] PROBABLY THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT, EXTENDS FORWARD OF THE UNIDENTIFIED STRUCTURE. (SWN)

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ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- THE MAZ-543 CHASSIS HAS BEEN NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH SSM SYSTEMS SUCH AS SCUD AND SCALEBOARD, AND MISSILE SUPPORT VEHICLES FOUND WITH BALLISTIC MISSILE SYSTEMS. THIS IS THE LARGEST WHEELED VEHICLE CHASSIS EVER SEEN AT DONGUZ. PREVIOUSLY, THE-11.1-METER LONG VARIANT OF THE BM-27 WAS THE LARGEST. BEFORE THAT THE STANDARD BM-27, WHICH HAS BEEN CONCURRENTLY PARKED WITH ITS RESUPPLY VEHICLE IN THE SAME

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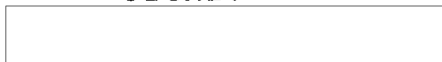
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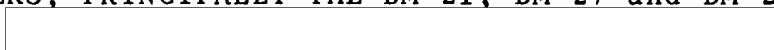
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AREA WITH THE MAZ-543, WAS THE LARGEST. THE ONLY TRUCK MOUNTED WEAPONS SYSTEMS TESTED IN THIS AREA HAVE BEEN MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHERS, PRINCIPALLY THE BM-21, BM-27 and BM-27 VARIANT. (SWN)



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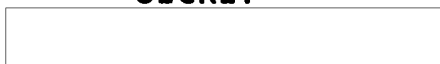
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